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Spain. Victory

▶ Spain's Carles Puyol, right, celebrates with teammates Gerard Pique, top, and Joan Capdevila during their World Cup semifinal soccer match against Germany yesterday. More coverage, page 22.

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Spain to join Netherlands in final

Spain cemented their place in the World Cup finals yesterday with a 1-0 victory over Germany. The fight for the title will take place Sunday against the Netherlands. Neither team has ever taken home a World Cup championship.

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City sees food stall frenzy

Vancouver receives 815 proposals from more than 400 people for only 17 new food cart sites City restaurateurs among those applying, councillor says

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A lottery tomorrow morning will decide which of the more than 815 proposals will win one of 17 new food stall sites in Vancouver, a councillor said yesterday.

"There is a huge pent up desire for more exciting food on the street," said Heather Deal.

City and health authority staff waded through the cornucopia of applications yesterday to ensure they complied with city and health requirements.

The city, she added, had only expected about 50 applications. One alternate will be drawn for each spot in case winning proposals are unable to operate before the end of July.

There has been some concern raised about competition from carts by restaurant owners and business improvement associations, Deal said.

Exciting eats

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Food stalls in Portland, above, served as the inspiration for Vancouver food cart expansion.

Phase two Coun. Heather Deal predicts the city will see an "explosion" of new and interesting food on the streets when the initiative enters its second phase next spring.

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Drop in home prices forecast

The price of an average two-storey house in Vancouver approached $1 million in the first half of 2010 after rising faster than anywhere else in the country.

However, according to new survey data from Royal LePage, a drop in home pricing is in sight, due in part to the HST.

"Anecdotal evidence suggests that (the HST and other factors) may have prompted an increase in housing market activity in early 2010, as people sought to get out ahead of the changes," said Phil Soper, chief executive of Royal LePage Real Estate Services.

Under the new tax structure, prospective homebuyers will need to fork out a 12 per cent levy for inspectors, appraisers, and realtor commissions, where previously the five per cent GST had applied.

The five per cent tax will continue on new homes below $525,000, while the HST will apply to new homes above the threshold, less a nominal rebate.

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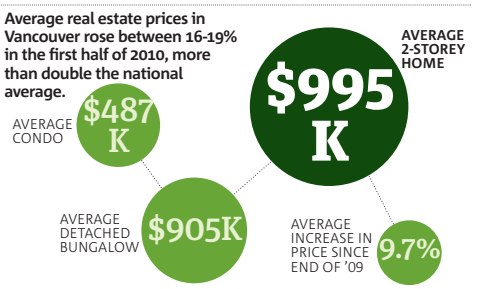

Hundreds mourn for Clare Shelswell

Small white casket adorned with flowers, picture of slain girl with her chin perched on her hand

Five-year-old Clare Shelswell is being remembered as a young girl with a bright smile who was always ready with a hug before her life was tragically cut short.

The B.C. girl's throat was cut on June 27 while she vacationed in Washington state. Her stepfather Peter Wilson faces charges in connection to her murder.

A funeral was held at the family's church in Abbotsford where hundreds of friends and family listened to stories about the girl's brief life while singing upbeat songs that included Sunday school hand gestures.

Terry Kaethler, senior pastor at Mountain Park Community Church, told the audience that Clare had hugs and words of encouragement ready for everyone she met.

"She was the type of girl who, when picking flowers, would pick the ones no one else wanted ... She saw beauty where no one else would see it."

TERRY KAETHLER, PASTOR

But he said that her life was cut short by a senseless, evil act, and he asked the audience to look to God to understand the death of a girl who he described as a devout Christian.

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▶ Pallbearers carry the casket containing five-year-old Clare Shelswell to a hearse following her funeral in Abbotsford yesterday.

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News in pictures

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3. B.C.FERRIES
5. PAVILION LAKE RESEARCH PROJECT

1 A Kelowna man has been arrested after Mounties found 9.5 kilograms of pot in a truck. METRO VANCOUVER

2 An injured deer with an arrow embedded in its shoulder has been spotted in the bush west of Victoria. THE CANADIAN PRESS

3 NASA astronauts are scoping out the depths of a lake in Lillooet, collecting data and gaining skills that could help improve research in space. Scientists are gathering samples from unique rock formations in Pavilion Lake. KRISTEN THOMPSON

4 A cougar killed two goats and a housecat in Maple Ridge Tuesday. KYLE FARQUHARSON

5 B.C. Ferries has scuttled plans for a new route using The Northern Expedition, above. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sun is going to set on this Empire

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▶ A fan blows a vuvuzela prior to last month's preseason B.C. Lions game at Empire Fields.

A CF-18 will perform a flyover during Saturday night's game between Lions, Roughriders

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The B.C. Lions will don vintage 60s jerseys Saturday when they trot onto the turf against the Roughriders and lead the city back into its past in their home opener outdoors at Empire Field.

Legendary Lions Joe Kapp and Willie Fleming will welcome fans to the game, which should be a sellout given the limited seating (27,500) and the expected horde of green-clad Ridernation fans.

"People are just going to fall in love with the experience of outdoor football," said Laura Ballance, a spokeswoman for the PNE.

For a generation of fans who have only experienced football inside cavernous B.C. Place, the temporary stadium should be an intimate affair.

"You are literally almost reach-out-and-touch distance from the players," she said.

The PNE, which boasts about 4,500 parking stalls, has backed off on its stance against tailgating and will allow parking-lot parties as long as there is no booze and only propane barbecues are used.

Parking, however, is still $25 a spot.

Get around

Need some transportation? Here's some help.

▶ **Shuttles** TransLink will run a half dozen shuttles in a circuit between 29th Avenue and Renfrew SkyTrain stations before and after the game.

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▶ Const. Jana McGuinness

Police look for missing woman

Vancouver police are looking for a woman who may have been the victim of a kidnapping after witnesses heard someone screaming in the back of a van in the Downtown Eastside.

Police were called to the 600 block of East Pender Street on Tuesday evening after people heard a woman screaming for help from a turquoise minivan.

"A quick-thinking witness wrote down the licence plate number and gave it to police," said Const. Jana McGuinness.

"The licence plate information was broadcast to neighbouring police agencies and Surrey RCMP found the vehicle around 11 p.m."

The driver was taken in for questioning but the woman has not been found.

"All attempts to identify and locate the woman to confirm her well-being have been unsuccessful," said McGuinness.

Anyone with information about the missing woman is asked to call 604-717-2538 or Crime Stoppers.

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NEW WESTMINSTER POLICE

▶ Megan Gunderson, 3, seen in this undated photo, was killed outside her home.

New West cops seek tipster in girl's hit-and-run

- Megan Gunderson was killed on June 20, 1996
- The suspect driver fled the scene of the accident

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Authorities are asking an anonymous tipster who recently called in with "crucial" information regarding a hit-and-run that killed a three-year-old girl in 1996 to contact New West Police.

Megan Gunderson was killed when a red minivan hit her outside her family's home at 239 Pembina St.

"Although a potential suspect driver was identified early in the investigation, investigators eliminated that person as the driver of the vehicle in the fatal incident," said Sgt. Gary Weishaar.

NEW WESTMINSTER POLICE

▶ Suspect vehicle.

"Recently, police investigators have received information from an anonymous tipster that has proven invaluable to the investigation," Weishaar said.

"Our investigators need that tipster to contact us again. The information that they possess is crucial to this investigation."

Police say they plan to release more information on Friday, when Megan's parents Melanie and Craig Gunderson will issue a message to the suspect driver.

Anyone with information is asked to call Megan Gunderson Tip's Line at 604-529-2430.

News in brief

Langley officer arrested

IMPAIRED ALLEGATION. The RCMP have arrested a fellow officer for allegedly driving drunk while off-duty.

The Langley detachment received a complaint of a suspected impaired driver leaving the Cascades Casino on July 2.

When police caught up with the vehicle they found the driver was an RCMP officer driving her personal car.

The member's name will not be released until charges have been approved by the Crown.

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Teen saved from sex assault try

WARNING. Vancouver police are warning the public about an attempted sexual assault after a teenage girl was pulled into some bushes in South Vancouver.

The 19-year-old victim was walking on the 3500 block of Southeast Marine Drive just after 11 p.m. on Tuesday when she was grabbed from behind.

A passerby intervened and the suspect ran off.

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False alarm: Girl, 4, and mom found safe in Saskatchewan

Police have cancelled an Amber alert after a missing Saskatchewan girl, her mother and father were found safe and sound in Regina.

The Amber alert was issued Tuesday after police said they believed four-year-old Samantha Martyn and her mother, Natasha Sentes, had been taken by the girl's father, Christopher Martyn. Sentes was estranged from Martyn.

Yesterday, police say a relative told them that the three had shown up at a Regina home.

Police said mom and daughter were in "good health" and Martyn had been taken into custody.

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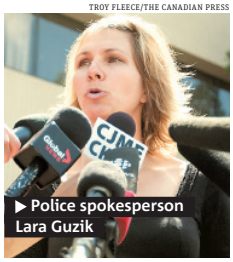

▶ Police spokesperson Lara Guzik

Timeline

A long sequence of events leading up to this week:

1. Christopher Martyn is convicted of manslaughter for running down another man on Nov. 23, 1991.
2. A non-contact (restraining) order was issued against Martyn on June 17 by Natasha Sentes, Samantha's mother.
3. On June 25, Sentes wrote a Facebook post which said "First weekend without my Sammie, since the break up. I miss her already."
4. Samantha was last seen Monday evening with Martyn. Sentes was last seen at 10:30 Monday night, leaving work.
5. A family friend reported Sentes and Samantha missing early Tuesday.

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▶ Irina Kushchenko, right, the mother of Anna Chapman, one of 10 alleged Russian spies arrested in the U.S., says her daughter is "no Mata Hari" and that she is considering a lawsuit over the breach of Chapman's privacy.

Show us yours and we'll show you our... spies

Potential spy swap between U.S. and Russia would continue pattern established during Cold War

The Cold War-style intrigue over a reputed spy ring nabbed in the United States deepened yesterday as word emerged of a possible scheme to swap Russians who hid in American suburbia for an imprisoned arms-control researcher and others who passed secrets to the U.S.

Dmitry Sutyagin says his brother Igor, who is serving a 14-year prison term, was told he is among convicted spies who are to be exchanged for Russians arrested by the FBI.

In the U.S., American officials met with the Russian ambassador in Washington and a hearing for three alleged spies was cancelled in Virginia. They were ordered to New York along with two other alleged spies who waived their right to a local hearing in Boston.

The other five defendants were already in custody in New York.

Igor Sutyagin was told by Russian officials that he and other convicted spies are to be exchanged for the 10 Russians arrested by the FBI last month, his brother said.

U.S. officials were also at the meeting held Monday at a prison in Arkhangelsk, in northwestern Russia, his brother said.

All of those arrested in the U.S. are still being detained — including 28-year-old Anna Champman — and the U.S. government has opposed granting them bail.

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No comment

Officials from both the U.S. and Russia refused to comment on the claim, but Dmitry Sutyagin said his brother could be whisked off to Vienna and then to London for a planned exchange as early as today.

Arrests in theft of zoo animals

Police have made two arrests in connection with the recent theft of a pair of camels and a Bengal tiger that made international headlines.

Quebec provincial police say additional arrests are expected.

Police determined the truck and trailer with the three animals had been in a barn in Saint-Edmond-de-Grantham, northeast of Montreal. Officers moved in on Tuesday and arrested a 23-year-old and 44-year-old man.

The truck and trailer were snatched from a motel parking lot in Quebec on June 18 as it was returning to the zoo in Bowmanville, Ont., from Nova Scotia.

Jonas the tiger and camels Shawn and Todd were located three days later on the side of a small road.

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News in brief

Don't eat Dolly: EU

BRUSSELS. The European Parliament has called for a ban on meat from cloned animals, saying more tests are needed to prove it is safe for humans to eat.

Lawmaker Kartika Liotard said most parliamentarians have "ethical objections to the industrial production of cloned meat for food" because the animals have more defects, age at a faster rate and die earlier than others.

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Man jailed in Bernardo crime sues for $1.1M

Says he faces daily challenges Convictions for crime Bernardo confessed to were set aside in 2008

A man who spent more than a year in jail for a crime schoolgirl killer Paul Bernardo confessed to is suing police, the Ontario government and his former lawyer.

Anthony Hanemaayer was convicted in 1989 for break and enter and assault with intent to rape.

Hanemaayer said he was innocent, but following the eyewitness testimony of the victim's mother, his lawyer advised him to plead guilty.

Hanemaayer was sentenced to two years less a day and spent 16 months in prison.

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▶ Anthony Hanemaayer

Bernardo later confessed to the crime, but Hanemaayer's suit claims when police interviewed him after that confession they did not tell him he had been wrongfully convicted.

Earlier this year the Ontario government denied Hanemaayer compensation, saying such payouts only apply to "rare, unusual cases."

In the suit, Hanemaayer also alleges Toronto police and his former lawyer were negligent.

He is suing for $1.1 million. The allegations have not been proven in court.

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Italy. Protest

▶ A man is held back by police yesterday in Rome.

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Protesters decry quake response

Demonstrators confronted police during a protest organized by residents of earthquake-stricken L'Aquila in downtown Rome yesterday. The demonstrators, protesting against the delays in the reconstruction following the earthquake that killed more than 300 people last year, clashed with police as they tried to get close to the office of Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi.

Edwards' mistress seeks profit

Lawyers for John Edwards' mistress said she should profit from a book written by an aide. Rielle Hunter's attorneys said she was entitled because Andrew Young promoted it by talking about an Edwards sex tape.

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Arrest in plane door attempt

A 47-year-old Newfoundland woman is facing several charges after a passenger tried unsuccessfully to open the door of a WestJet flight while in the skies over the Prairies.

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Israel releases photos

Israel's military released maps and aerial photographs yesterday showing what it described as a network of Hezbollah weapons depots inside villages in south Lebanon, near the Israeli border.

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▶ Former media baron Conrad Black has applied for bail, says a representative.

Back in Black: Former tycoon seeking an out

Conrad Black currently serving 6½-year sentence in a Florida jail for obstruction of justice conviction

Former Canadian media baron Conrad Black has formally requested a release from jail while his lawyers use a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling to fight his convictions for fraud and obstruction of justice.

Black's lawyers made the filing Tuesday with the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago, now that the top court in the United States sent his 2007 fraud convictions back to a lower court.

The Supreme Court ruled that a law used to help convict Black on three counts of mail fraud had to be applied more narrowly. The ruling didn't exonerate Black but does give him another chance to argue against his convictions.

In the request for bail, Black's lawyers say the Supreme Court's "rejection of the fraud theory goes to the heart of the most hotly contested issues at Mr. Black's trial — whether there was a scheme to defraud and whether Mr. Black 'corruptly' intended to obstruct the investigation of this non-crime..."

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Nothing new

This isn't the first time that Black has submitted an appeal.

- **In 2008** He pushed ahead with an attempt that was rejected by the appeals court, and later was refused bail while he made further appeals.
- **In the latest filing** Black's lawyers attempted to establish a difference between the two bail attempts.

Scholar set to be the next governor general

The president of the University of Waterloo, David Johnston, is set to become the next governor general, news reports said late yesterday.

The Ontario academic will be officially appointed as governor general in September when Michaëlle Jean's term officially comes to an end.

The highly educated legal scholar was born in Sudbury, Ont.

He served for 15 years as the principal and vice-chancellor of McGill University.

Johnston, 69, has studied at Harvard, Cambridge, and Queen's University in Ontario.

The governor general is largely a ceremonial post, but Jean has had weighty decisions to make and an unusually high profile during an extended period of minority governments.

In December 2008, she allowed Harper to prorogue Parliament and buy time to thwart an attempt by the Liberal, NDP and Bloc Quebecois opposition to form a coalition government.

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▶ David Johnston

The new GG

Some facts about David Johnston, who is exptected to become Canada's next governor general:

1. He became an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1988, and was made a Companion in 1997.
2. He wrote the terms of references for the Oliphant inquiry, which examined former prime minister Brian Mulroney's business dealings with German-Canadian arms deal Karlheinz Schreiber.
3. He also hosted televised leadership debates, including the famous stand-off between Mulroney and then-PM John Turner in 1984.

Tech firms opting to double up

If a one-screen tablet like Apple's iPad is a good thing, would a two-screen tablet be twice as good?

Some manufacturers seem to think so. There are a growing number of e-reader/netbook combinations in the works that promise the ability to read, surf, watch or play across two screens. The announcement of new dual-screen products has become almost a monthly event. The latest example is the Toshiba Libretto, a limited-edition dual touch-screen PC that runs Windows 7. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Is national do-not-call list a sham?

Critics say the national do-not-call list is a sham and should be scrapped after figures suggest there is little enforcement despite more than 300,000 complaints against unwanted telemarketers.

Responding to a query by Liberal Senator Percy Downe, the federal government said it has imposed $73,000 in fines in less than two years — but collected only $250 as of March 1.

"It is a colossal disappointment," said Liberal MP Dan McTeague.

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The end for the 'Grim Sleeper'?

Police made an arrest yesterday in the so-called "Grim Sleeper" serial killings in which a man is believed to have killed 11 people since 1985, a law enforcement official said, without providing details.

Detectives have spent years probing at least 11 slayings between 1985 and 2007 in which the killer targeted young black women and one man.

The killer was dubbed the "Grim Sleeper" because he apparently took a 14-year hiatus in his crimes.

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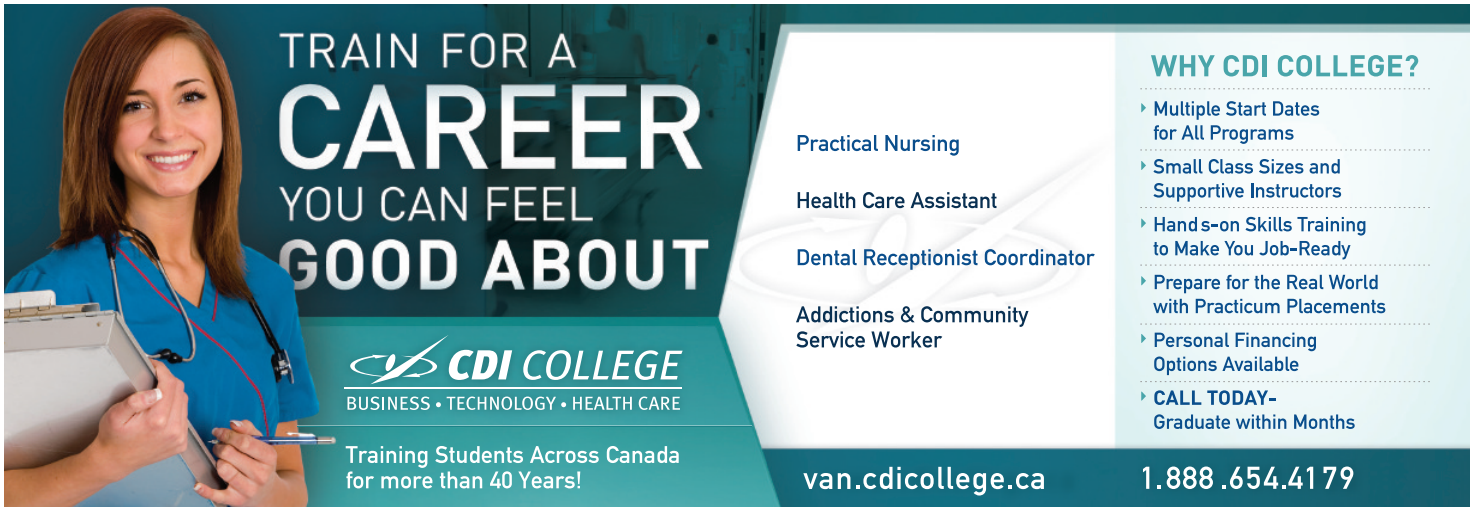

Buyer's market for rest of 2010

Royal LePage president foresees 'much more stable' housing market over the next 18 months

Home buyers can expect more choice and lower prices in the second half of 2010, while sellers can expect fewer offers for their homes, says one of Canada's leading real estate brokers.

"Accurate pricing is going to be really key," said Phil Soper, president and chief executive of Royal LePage Real Estate Services.

In its latest housing survey, Royal LePage said yesterday the real estate market will start to slow in the second half of 2010 with the number of sales expected to fall compared with the hot activity early in the year.

"I would say if you're a seller, the first thing you should expect is fewer multiple offers on your home," Soper said.

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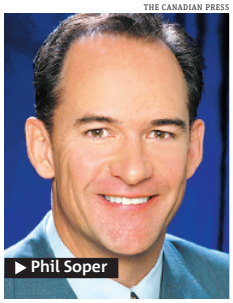

▶ Phil Soper

Sellers who try to squeeze extra money out of their homes will likely have their homes "languish" on the market, unless they're exceptional properties, he said.

The housing market has been a strong pillar under the Canada's economic recovery, mainly due to low mortgage rates and positive consumer confidence. But interest rate increases and stiffer lending rules have taken some of the steam out of the sector.

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Royal LePage is forecasting that by year's end, home prices will rise an average of 6.8 per cent over last year.

Hong Kong. Looking up

▶ The luxurious 39 Conduit Road, as seen from the Peak in Hong Kong.

VINCENT YU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Something's up, besides buildings

In October 2009, Hong Kong developer Henderson Land Development Co. sold 25 flats in a luxury apartment block. Now, 20 of the 25 buyers have backed out. Police are investigating and legislators suspect foul play in a brewing controversy that shines the spotlight on Hong Kong's high-stakes housing market.

Market moment

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Gold contracts $1,198.60 US (+ $3.80 US)

Publisher settles lawsuit

Penguin Canada employee Lisa Rundle is getting her old job back, the publishing house announced yesterday, a day after it was revealed that a sexual harassment lawsuit she filed against her former boss has been settled.

Last month, Rundle filed a lawsuit against Penguin Group Canada and its former president, David Davidar, alleging she was sexually harassed by Davidar THE CANADIAN PRESS

CNR to go on hiring blitz

Canadian National Railway Co. plans to hire as many as 2,000 people annually over the next five years to replace retiring employees and reduce operating costs.

About 47 per cent of the workforce is planning to retire in that period, says chief executive officer Claude Mongeau. Canadian National, the country's largest railroad, had 21,501 employees as of Dec. 31.

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HOW MANY TIMES CAN WE COME OF AGE?

He says ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE

Canadians are full of it.

The media slant of this year's Canada Day was that we are a shy country, which now — at long last! — believes in itself.

What a load of hockey pucks. We're downright delusional.

This notion that we are a country that "finally" found its national identity is a story we've told ourselves a dozen times.

Confederation, Vimy Ridge, entering the Second World War, Expo '67, Paul Henderson's goal in the 1972 Summit Series. And all those things happened before I was born.

How many times can a country come of age?

It's a myth that Canadians are not patriotic. I was recently at a bar sitting next to a guy who was waxing nostalgic about Sidney Crosby's Olympic overtime goal. He said he had been "everywhere," but Canada is the best. When I said I had travelled a lot and enjoy New Zealand and Austria as much as Canada, he looked at me like I had strangled a beaver.

Canadians are not arrogant in the American way, but we are incredibly smug.

We're as likely as Americans to say our country is better than everybody else's (whatever that means), and surely we're the only nation in the world that boasts about being humble.

"Clinging to the myth of humility makes it too easy to pat ourselves on the back for things that don't really matter, like our geography and our hockey medals. Our worth as a nation will never be determined on the power play."

We're proud of how we pronounce the last letter of the alphabet, for God's sake.

We love to believe we're the withering wallflower who bursts onto the dance floor after years of longing gazes toward the world-class girl. But, in reality, we've always been the self-satisfied guy, who smirks to himself and wonders when everyone will notice how awesome he is.

We cling to our "humility" and then claim we're newly proud every time anything noteworthy happens, like joining American military missions, staying out of American military missions, getting mentioned on The Daily Show, or winning Olympic gold.

Clinging to the myth of humility makes it too easy to pat ourselves on the back for things that don't really matter, like our geography and our hockey medals. Our worth as a nation will never be determined on the power play.

I don't do Canadian stereotypes. I'm sorry.

Cartoon

Noteworthy

No more booze in race water bottles

San Francisco's Bay To Breakers footrace is famous for its lack of rules, but organizers say there's one racers will have to follow next year. Organizers of the bawdy annual run through the city announced yesterday they're banning booze next year and challenging the estimated 92,000 people who descend upon the 12-kilometre course to do so sober.

The race draws serious runners, as well as drunken revellers in risqué outfits — or no outfits at all.

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Long live the monarchy

Letters & Tweets

We asked: Should Canada cut ties with the monarchy?

TORONTO. I have no British blood. My parents came from republican China. Yet, I am a monarchist.

As the apex of our society, our sovereign is the fountain of honour; it is in the Queen's name that our national honours are dispensed. In our hereditary monarchy, we have a living link with our cherished past. In our fast changing society, our monarchy represents stability.

Yes, we have a popular and beloved monarch today. But our monarchy is based on more than mere affection. It is based upon loyalty to an historic institution that has served and continues to serve us well.

GARTH LOW

HALIFAX. Swimming is not only a great way to incorporate exercise into your day, but it's a great way to beat the summer heat. But it's important you take the proper steps to stay safe in the water.

To prevent backyard swimming injuries, ensure children are supervised at all times.

Adults also need to practise water safety. It is important to pay attention to the distance from shore, water temperature and currents.

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The sale runs from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. today, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. tomorrow in the Alma VanDusen and Peter Kaye Rooms in the lower level.

The library is located at 350 West Georgia St.

KRISTEN THOMPSON

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▶ Great Big Sea is touring North American in support of latest album Safe Upon the Shore

2 scene

Great Big Sea ready to set sail once more

Newfoundland act survives where others have failed • Members still riding a wave of euphoria after 17 years together • New 'guerrilla' album displays band's maturity

JON TATTRIE
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Great Big Sea is back on the road touring North American this month. Newfoundland's top troubadours say their new album, Safe Upon the Shore, pumps out the shanty songs fans love, but with an added maturity as the band turns 17.

"I guess we're a little older, a little more mature. There is a different tone," says singer and bodhran player Sean McCann. "Our fan base has grown every year. We get bigger and bigger and we don't even know why."

"I'd be doing something awful. I'd probably be a lawyer."
SEAN MCCANN, ON WHAT HE'D BE DOING IF HE WASN'T IN GREAT BIG SEA

While Canadian contemporaries like the Barenaked Ladies have suffered bitter band breakups, Great Big Sea has allowed its members to drift away on solo projects before floating back together. This year McCann released an album, Lullabies for Bloodshot Eyes, while Alan Doyle played a Merry Man in Russell Crowe's film Robin Hood and Bob Hallett took some time to explore his native province.

Given the tight schedules and the high cost of studio time, the band took a "guerrilla" approach to Safe Upon the Shore. Doyle's laptop and a couple of microphones served as their studio and they made much of the music on the move. "They were recorded literally on the bus, backstage, in hockey-rink dressing rooms, shower stalls — and they sounded great," McCann says.

Major sessions were done in New Orleans and Newfoundland's Humber Valley, where the boys invited Joel Plaskett, Jeremy Fisher, Jeen O'Brien and Paul Lamb for a writing retreat.

McCann says the band stays together because they know how lucky they are to make music for a living and because they ride the same wave of euphoria that carries fans home after a great show. Plus, unlike solo shows, when he hits a bad note on stage, he can blame Doyle with a dirty look.

11 and counting

▶ Safe Upon the Shore is the band's 11th album.

Scan code for game review: Stale Crackdown 2 crashes to earth (for instructions, see page 3)

Tell us what you are recording @vancouvermetro

PVRTweets

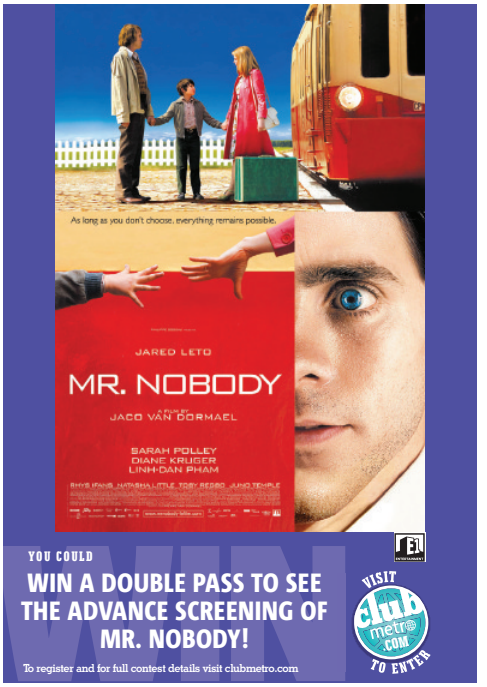
Are you going to PVR the World Cup final on Sunday or watch it live?

@leia5 Watch it live!

@sjsmith90 live of course. Nothing like being able to tweet the updates and watch it all unfold

@aislingizagleek IMHO if you're a true fan of the game (even if your team isn't in it), you'll find a way to watch the #worldcup final live :)

@willeminaSB Watching it live for sure!



Coldplay, Kanye prop Canadians

It was just a typical morning for Ehsan Ashrafi: he booted up his computer and navigated to Coldplay's website to see what was new with the British arena-poppers.

What he saw next, well, you could safely say it was accompanied by a rush of blood to the head.

Ashrafi's face was splashed across the front page of Coldplay's website. The band — his favourite band at that — had posted the video that Ashrafi and his Mississauga, Ont.-based band Soul Nidus had made themselves for their song, Clown on Strike.

They had made Coldplay's homepage.

"I was taken aback, so my first thought was: 'This guy looks familiar,'" Ashrafi said during an interview in downtown Toronto.

Soul Nidus is among a group of Canadian artists who have benefited from blog endorsements from big-time international pop stars.

London, Ont., rapper Shad's video for Compromise was posted on Kanye West's blog in December.

Shad said that by granting his implicit approval, West might have provided validation for people who were already fans of the Canadian's music.

"The cool thing about that stuff is for fans who already (are into the music), they get stoked on that," he said during a recent interview in Toronto.

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▶ In Despicable Me, Jason Segel voices Vector, an up-and-coming bad boy out to make a name for himself in the world of supervillainy.

Nothing Despicable about Jason Segel

Forgetting Sarah Marshall star turns to dark side (sort of) in animated comedy ▶ Reveals plans for The Greatest Muppet Movie Ever Made

STEVE GOW
FOR METRO CANADA

Jason Segel's part in the comedy Despicable Me may have been a bit shy of being the role of a lifetime but the charming actor is quite happy with the results.

"It certainly is the most positive thing I've ever done," said Segel over the phone only moments after appearing on The Tonight Show on Tuesday.

"Most of what I've done has been R-rated comedies and to some extent, raunchy or subversive, and I love that stuff too but the idea of doing a movie that a whole family can enjoy together is really a special thing."

Sure, being one of the stars of an animated film about a supervillian who reluctantly adopts three kids was unique, but in truth, it's not really a departure for Segel.

After all, the California native may have risen to fame writing, starring and pulling a full monty in the 2008 hit Forgetting Sarah Marshall but Segel's secret passion for puppetry is more aligned with the star's kid-friendly persona. "Literally, five years ago I was like a weirdo with puppets," said Segel. "Now that it's my profession, its like super cool."

"Voice over) is like the cushiest job of all time ... it's sort of an excuse to go nuts in a recording studio for a few hours."
JASON SEGEL

And it is now officially his profession. Having written the script for next year's The Greatest Muppet Movie Ever Made, Segel was responsible for reimagining Miss Piggy and company while creating an entertaining film for both kids and adults.

"There's no reason that a family movie can't be something that legitimately the whole family is enjoying."

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Lady Gaga snub spurs change in Grammy rule

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▶ Lady Gaga

Lady Gaga's exclusion from the best new artist category at this year's Grammys has caused the Recording Academy to change eligibility requirements for the next ceremony.

Although Lady Gaga was the most popular new artist of 2009, she was ineligible for a best new artist nomination.

Her hit Just Dance had been nominated in 2008, before she was a platinum-selling act, and previous Grammy nominees can't be nominated for best new artist.

After Lady Gaga was excluded, Recording Academy President Neil Portnow said: "There will be some changes so that particular situation won't repeat itself."

The changes were announced yesterday. The rule change allows previous Grammy nominees to be eligible, as long as the artist hasn't released an entire album and doesn't win.

"More and more, the first release of a new artist is as a featured artist on someone else's album or the new artist may release a single long before the release of his/her/their entire first album," the Academy said in a statement.

"By current rules, if the other artist's album or the new artist's single receives a nomination, the new artist may never have the opportunity to compete in the best new artist category. With this change, each artist will have at least one opportunity to enter in this important and highly visible category."

Changes were also announced in other categories.

Classical producers no longer have to submit a minimum of three recordings to be eligible for a nomination for classical producer of the year, and like non-classical producers, can submit just one recording.

In addition, classical box sets will be eligible if more than 51 per cent of the material is at least 5 years old.

The Academy also voted to exclude all Grammy performances, and performances during any Recording Academy event, from consideration for a Grammy.

The change was made to ensure the "integrity of The Recording Academy and to be completely impartial in our awards process."

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▶ Kelis recently faced off with animal rights activists after she was photographed in fur.

Kelis up close and in the Flesh

▶ R&B singer ready to rock clubs with her new all-dance album Flesh Tone ▶ Raising her son as important to Kelis as producing hits

Kelis wants to make you sweat.

The 30-year-old singer has had club hits before, but with her latest CD, Flesh Tone, she's zeroing in on the clubs, hoping to get people moving on the dance floor.

Flesh Tone comes after a turbulent period in her life. She split from rapper Nas, the father of her infant son Knight, and the former couple engaged in a battle over child support. She also tangled with the animal rights group PETA after she was photographed in fur.

The Harlem native talked about her music, raising her son and her thoughts on PETA during a recent interview.

How did you go from creating R&B hits like Milkshake to an all-dance album?

Kelis: I felt like everything started to go in the same direction. I hate to toot my horn, but if you look at where music was as far females and what's Top 40 radio and whatever, where it was before Milkshake, versus after, I mean you kind of have to be retarded to deny that it literally changed female vocalists. ... So for me, it was just about wanting to party again.

"No one is sweating, no one is dancing. People don't ever dance anymore."
KELIS

It was reported you got a hefty divorce settlement from your ex-husband.

No matter what it is that I say, or don't say, people are going to make up their opinion. ... At the end of the day it has no bearing on me or my kid.

If PETA would have came and said, "Look you have strong fashion cred. ... Can you help us?" Would you have thought about it?

No. Here is the thing. The reason I responded the way I responded is because of the way they came at me, absolutely. I am not going to be hypocritical, though. The reality is, I get in trouble for stuff I say all the time because I am honest.

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Leaders of the pack

Wolf Parade
Album: Expo 86
Label: Sub Pop/Outside
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Since Wolf Parade made their huge splash on the North American music scene in 2005, the Montreal band's members have been mostly focused on their other projects. Singer Dan Boeckner fronts Handsome Furs; vocalist Spencer Krug is in Sunset Rubdown among other acts. And these other bands are, these days, a lot better than Wolf Parade. But Wolf Parade, which also features Arlen Thompson on drums and former Hot Hot Heat member Dante DeCaro on guitar, is still pretty damn good.

The band's latest disc was made quickly, in about four months, which might be one reason why this is the groups most organic effort. The Arcade-Fire-meets-Springsteen tune Palm Road sounds more relaxed than anything that's come before it — the guys sounds free from the pressures that followed them after releasing their debut. And, because their other acts are successful they can do whatever they want here.

While Expo 86 all sounds very Wolf Parade — the bouncy, frenetic tunes with layers of instrumentation are still in tact — there is a difference between Boeckner and Krug's songs, more so than ever. The latter songwriter is more straight ahead rock; the former is more adventurous. It makes for a sometimes-choppy disc, but also provides a lot of variety. Overall it's a good listen, one most Wolf Parade fans will enjoy.

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI /FOR METRO CANADA

Scissor Sisters
Album: Night Work
Label: Downtown/Universal
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There's no shortage of club-by dance rock these days, but the Scissor Sisters seem to be the most genuine of all the ass-shaking bands. The group have always maintained a good balance between over-the-top bombast and organic, guitar/piano-based rock and they do it again on their third record — their first in four years. Night Work is more guitar-focused than their previous discs, but it's got the same infectious, Elton John-like grooves as always.

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

Kylie Minogue
Album: Aphrodite
Label: EMI
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She may be 42 years old, but Kylie still inhabits all of the beauty and sexuality of her 11th album's titular character. Executively produced by Stuart Price (Madonna) and featuring 14 other producers and 28 songwriters, Aphrodite doesn't really benefit from so many people. In fact, it's pretty close to every Kylie album since she was reborn on 2000's Light Years. While it's majestically put together, for an artist as celebrated as Kylie, Aphrodite never produces anything as memorable as the songs that made her an icon.

CAM LINDSAY

Big Boi
Album: Sir Lucious Left Foot: The Son of Chico Dusty
Label: Def Jam
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He never had the outgoing personality and visual panache of Andre 3000, but Big Boi always had OutKast's best interests in mind when it came to hip-hop. On his first proper solo album, he once again emphasizes this, outdoing himself with a dexterous effort that picks up where 2003's Speakerboxxx left off. While it may only be credited to Big Boi, Sir Lucious Left Foot is the OutKast album we've been waiting seven years for.

CAM LINDSAY

News in brief

American Idol tour cuts shows

MUSIC American Idol fans in Toronto and Winnipeg will not get to see the show's latest stars in concert after all.

The singing competition's planned summer tour has been downsized with eight shows getting the axe, including dates in Toronto and Winnipeg.

The tour had been scheduled to stop at the MTS Centre on Sept. 7 and the Air Canada Centre on Sept. 9.

The show was to feature the 10 finalists for the show's ninth season, including winner Lee DeWyze.

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Bigelow joins Oscar board

AWARDS Academy Award-winning directors Kathryn Bigelow and Michael Moore have been elected to the board of governors that oversees the Oscars.

The academy announced Wednesday that Bigelow (The Hurt Locker) and Moore (Bowling for Columbine) were among 15 new or returning members elected to three-year terms on the board of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Joining Bigelow and Moore among first-time board members was Oscar-winning film editor Anne Coates (Lawrence of Arabia).

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Price is right for Simpson

MUSIC Pop star Jessica Simpson travels the world in the new series Price of Beauty to probe how physical and inner attractiveness influences different cultures. Her journey takes her to Asia, Europe and the U.S. for interviews with local residents and celebrities. Issues explored include local fashions, dietary fads and beauty regimes. (Much Music)

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Big Brother back to battle

REALITY Summertime ratings titan Big Brother kicks off its 12th season of voyeurism. As with past seasons, viewers can tune in three times a week to see shameless contestants battling under one roof in a bid to win the $500,000 prize. (Global)

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Back to the Bachelorette

It seems that Canadian Bachelorette star Jillian Harris has split with her TV sweetheart, Ed Swiderski

The perky Vancouver brunette, who picked Swiderski out of 30 suitors on the fifth edition of The Bachelorette, tells Us Weekly they have called off their engagement.

The 29-year-old Harris says she's "really sad, but I have to look out for me" while Swiderski says, "Jillian isn't happy and I'm definitely sad about the whole thing."

Earlier this week, Harris told OK! she had left the couple's Chicago-area home and moved in with her parents in Kelowna, B.C., but that the split was not permanent.

"There's no scandal, just little bit of heartbreak," Swiderski added. "We're not bitter. We're working through our issues."

He does hold out hope, that the pair may one day reconcile.

"Absolutely, there's definitely a possibility."

The couple was dogged by infidelity rumours last summer after the series concluded on ABC and Citytv. The announcement comes on the heels of a bitter split between last season's Bachelor star Jake Pavelka and his chosen mate, Vienna Girardi.

Their dirty laundry was put on display with a teary televised confrontation earlier this week on The Bachelorette, starring Facebook advertising accounts manager Ali Fedotowsky.

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▶Canadian Jillian Harris poses with Ed Swiderski , after she chose him in the season finale of the [illegible] series

Users to Live a Day in the Life of YouTube

With the help of director Kevin Macdonald, producer Ridley Scott and a few hundred other filmmakers, YouTube is making a movie.

YouTube is organizing the creation of Life in a Day, a project that plans to document July 24 with user-submitted videos from around the world.

YouTube is asking people to upload footage of their daily lives. Macdonald serves as director and will edit together a feature-length documentary from the submitted material. Scott will produce.

20 The film will premiere at the Sundance Film Festival in January. 20 of content producers will be flown to Sundance for the premiere.

Users must be at least 13-years-old and can see other content at youtube.com/lifeinaday

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Future uncertain for Lohan's career

Embattled star's new movies, fashion line placed in doubt after prison, rehab sentences

Lindsay Lohan's future includes a new fashion line, two new movies, some time in jail and another stint in rehab.

The actress was sentenced yesterday to 90 days in jail and 90 days in a residential substance-abuse program for violating her probation stemming from two separate 2007 cases of driving under the influence of cocaine and alcohol. She is to surrender and begin her jail sentence July 20. Rehab will follow.

The punishment, levied by Superior Court Judge Marsha Revel, will keep Lohan from promoting Machete, the Robert Rodriguez action film due in theatres in September. Fox, which is releasing the film, had no comment yesterday.

Lohan's sentence may also prevent her from further promoting her new fashion line, 6126. The first items from the 280-piece collection are shipping out to department stores nationwide this month. Lohan was instrumental in the line's design and marketing plans and is featured in its promotional materials. Her business partner, Kristi Kaylor, did not immediately respond to phone and email messages seeking comment.

Lohan's agent, Nick Styne, also declined to comment yesterday.

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▶ On the bright side, no one doubts her acting talent after yesterday's performance

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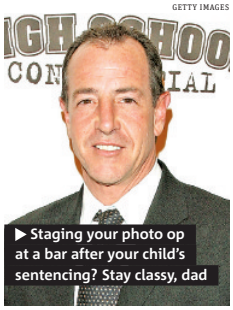

▶ Staging your photo op at a bar after your child's sentencing? Stay classy, dad

Lohan dad inexplicably thinks his opinion holds any merit

Hours after his daughter was sentenced to 90 days in jail, Michael Lohan was on Larry King Live giving his reaction to the news. "Dismay, but at the same time a little satisfaction that she's going to rehab," he told Larry King of his feelings about the sentencing. "The last thing I wanted was for my daughter to go to jail." Immediately after the interview, Lohan headed to West Hollywood bar the Saddle Ranch where he smiled and posed for photos, telling TMZ he was going to phone his daughter from inside the bar. METRO WORLD NEWS

Did Ronaldo's baby mama receive a $20M payoff?

New reports suggest Cristiano Ronaldo's bid to become a single father was more expensive than anyone thought, as the Portuguese footballer reportedly paid the mother of his child a small fortune for sole custody. Ronaldo is said to have transferred $20 million into the mystery woman's account earlier this week, according to the Sun. "He paid nearly a year's wages but it's more than worth it," a source says.

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▶ When baby starts spitting up that'll be one proud papa!

Talking points

A date night by Twilight

SIT DOWN, TWIHARDS – THIS IS GONNA STING. Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart stepped out in public for the first time since their promotional duties for the latest Twilight film started winding down, heading to Hotel Cafe in L.A. to see Pattinson's pal Sam Bradley perform, according to Popsugar. The evening before, the pair had surprised fans by popping up at a showing of their new film.

Montag 'regrets' plastic surgery

BUT WHAT SHE REALLY MEANS IS THAT SHE REGRETS NO ONE CARES ANYMORE. Just months after proudly undergoing 10 plastic surgery procedures, Heidi Montag is regretting her decision. "She's thinking about a plastic surgery make-under now that she's separated from [husband] Spencer [Pratt]," a source tells Heat magazine. "He was the one who wanted her to get the work done. She knows she went too far, and she feels stupid."

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Celebrity tweets

Joan River [@Joan_Rivers] I love NY, but there are lots of rapes. My friend on West 93rd can't have sex with her husband unless he chases her down a dark alley first.

Lindsay Lohan [@lindsaylohan] thank you so much @KimKardashian - thanks for being such a good friend, it means a lot to me

David Lynch [@DAVID_LYNCH] If you're planning to chop wood in the near future, @BestMadeCo makes the best & most beautiful axes. I got the axe w/the white stripe & purple stain. It's real pretty & super well made.

Conan O'Brien [@Conan-OBrien] My horoscope says I "never let a struggle stop me." At least that's what I think it says, I can't get the cookie all the way open

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McKellen in no rush for Hobbit start

With production stalling on a new movie version of The Hobbit, Ian McKellan isn't holding his breath for filming to start.

And the actor's rekindled interest in live theater may finally put an end to the delayed project.

"Well, I'm not under contract and my time is running out and I'm enjoying working in the theater," McKellan says, according to Contact Music.

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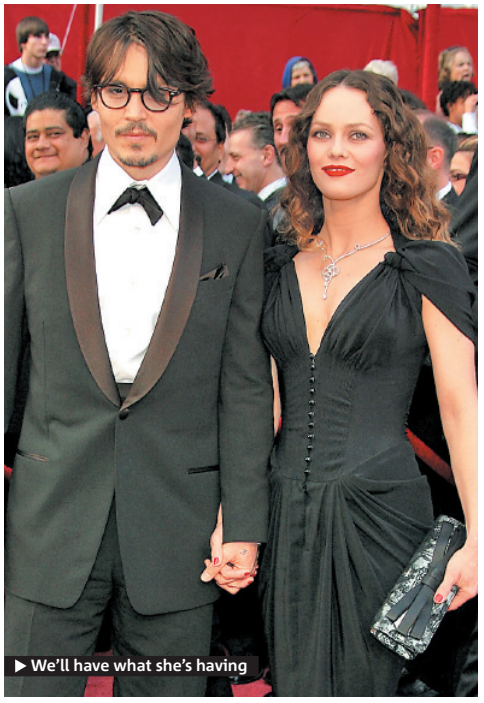
▶ We'll have what she's having

Vanessa's key to Paradis

French actress shares secrets to long-term bliss with Johnny Depp

Vanessa Paradis, who has been happily sharing a life and children with Johnny Depp for years, says the secret to their longevity is space. "The fact that we're not together every day plays a big part in keeping our relationship stable," she tells Marie Clare magazine. "We understand that, if we want our relationship to continue, we must give each other space, allow each other to go off on our own, and trust each other." And one thing they'll keep doing separately is acting. "Frankly, the thought of filming with him would scare me to death," she says. "It's not that I don't want to, but I would be frightened that I wouldn't be up to his standard because he's so talented. And I don't know if I would be able to lie in front of him." METRO WORLD NEWS

Prince ceremoniously announces demise of the Net

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▶ So long, Internet. It's been fun

Prince isn't impressed with new media, insisting if people want his new album, they'll have to go to a store and buy it. "The Internet's completely over," the eclectic musician tells the Daily Mirror. "I don't see why I should give my new music to iTunes or anyone else. They won't pay me an advance for it and then they get angry when they can't get it." Prince also has some choice words for a certain cable channel: "The Internet's like MTV," he says. "At one time MTV was hip and suddenly it became outdated. Anyway, all these computers and digital gadgets are no good."

Prince has been a fierce opponent of content sharing, even threatening to sue a woman who put up a YouTube video of her baby dancing to one of his songs in 1997. METRO WORLD NEWS

Lowe takes on Miramax

Rob Lowe has a new role in the entertainment industry in mind. The actor has reportedly teamed with Tom Barrack in a bid to acquire Miramax Films from Disney, according to TMZ. Former owners Harvey and Bob Weinstein have reportedly been unsuccessful in their attempts to reacquire the studio. METRO WORLD NEWS

Rimes riled over kiss diss

LeAnn Rimes is bristling at the harsh criticism she and boyfriend Eddie Cibrian have been getting after compromising photos of a public make-out session hit the tabloids. "Since when is kissing your boyfriend a crime?" she posted later to her personal Twitter account. "Whose right was it to take pics of us in a private moment and display them for judgement?" METRO WORLD NEWS

New baby for Minogue sister

Dannii Minogue and boyfriend Kris Smith welcomed their first child earlier this week, a boy named Ethan, they said in a statement. The X-Factor judge and younger sister of singer and actress Kylie Minogue gave birth in Melbourne on Monday. "Mother and baby are doing well and dad is very proud," the statement said. "They request their privacy at thisspecial time to adjust as new parents." Kylie is expected to visit soon. METRO WORLD NEWS

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3 life

Two Canadian icons — Roots and author Douglas Coupland — have created a Canuck-inspired fashion line Roots X Douglas Coupland features clothing for all ages

Wear your Roots on your sleeve

Chanal and Givenchy, oh my! Scan this for the latest news from Paris Fashion Week

It's your first time designing fashion wearables, what attracted you to the Roots X Douglas Coupland collaboration?
Doing something new about Canada. I see the project as both art and design, but what makes it such a good, uncynical fit is that both Roots and I have been exploring Canada for a long time now (Roots 30 years; me 10). It's been a really good date.

Where did the Canada Goes Electric theme come from?
Believe it or not, the 1950s; when the world began going high (for the times) tech. While the world outside of Canada was paranoid and using technology for war and fear, Canada gave the world, among others, Marshall McLuhan and his theories on media which were exciting, new, forward looking and, yes electric. I want the pieces in a broad and accessible way to convey that sense of optimism and wonder.

You have been exploring Canadiana for a number of years. Tell Metro about some of the imagery you used in the collection.
No more moose in your face. No more Mounties. No more all the usual stuff we've kind of grown tired of. (Although a stylized moose appears in a crest I did for the series.) The Olympic opening and closing ceremonies are probably the last time we can ever use all of that cliché material … know what I mean? We're very lucky in Canada to still have a future. Most of the world doesn't have that right now. We need to go forward and find new ways of saying who we are.

What did you enjoy most about creating this fashion line?
Creating the pieces. But to do this I had to absorb an insane industrial learning curve — factories, dye lots, shipping schedules, tanneries … it was a four-year program crashed into one. The adrenaline was fantastic.

What is your favourite item in the collection?
That's tough. All of the leathers are amazing. For the clothing it's the men's black long-sleeve-T with white motherboard pattern on the chest. I like garments with words all over them.

You are a fashionable guy, what is your wardrobe must have?
I'm not fashionable … I've just figured out what looks okay on me and made my peace with it … and I also made it my uniform: custom-designed khakis made by a Gastown tailor (David Wilkes) and a certain kind of dress shirt that works on me, for whatever reason — some shirts just do that. And you really can't go wrong with Ben Sherman or Fred Perry polos. Everyone should have five.

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In stores

- **PRICES** Items range from $3.99 to $1,973 for the limited edition silver leather Centennial jacket.
- **LOCATION** The Roots X Douglas Coupland collection is available in Roots stores nationwide. A pop-up store will be located at 36 Powell St. today through July 28. Visit roots.com/douglascoupland for more details.
- **IMAGES** Coupland created a coat of arms for the collection that includes a polar bear, a beaver, a crown, a satellite, the Northern Star, a canoe, video colour bars, and a triad of maple leaves.
- **AUTHOR** Coupland has written a number of books including Generation X, JPod and Generation A.

Brookland great for first-timers

Condo developers are accepting lower deposit amounts than what is typically asked of new home developments As low as 5%

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Who ever thought that owning your own home could cost less than renting a one-bedroom apartment in Vancouver?

The Brookland, the latest development in north Surrey caters precisely to first-time buyers and offers affordable financing for its 91 modern condo homes.

"It offers an opportunity for entry-level home ownership in what will likely be some of the hardest-to-come-by land over the next 10 years, which is going to be anything within walking distance to a transit station," says Howard Steiss, President of Red Dot Real Estate Marketing.

"The Brookland is not just another condo project, but it's a condo project offered here to the first-time home buyer."
HOWARD STEISS, PRESIDENT OF RED DOT REAL ESTATE MARKETING

Now in its construction phase, The Brookland is a contemporary, Northwest-designed four-storey building in the burgeoning neighbourhood around Gateway Station in Surrey.

The architectural details of the exterior include prominent use of light brick and glass with distinct contrasting trims.

The interior of the one- and two-bedroom condos feature three designer colour schemes of luxe, classic and urban in neutral tones.

Overheight ceilings and spacious balconies create a feeling of openness and volume while garden patios adorn the ground floor units.

Suites hit the mark with all the features sought after by modern homebuyers including solid granite countertops, seven-piece stainless steel appliances, hardwood laminate flooring, natural maple cabinetry and convenient amenities.

Accessibility and close proximity to transit lines are becoming increasingly important to people, and The Brookland is located within a two-minute walk to the Gateway SkyTrain station.

"It can whisk you to Metrotown in 18 minutes, and to Granville Street Station is 34 minutes," Steiss said.

"It's a really sustainable alternative for those who want to enjoy life without cars."

The lowdown

- The Brookland
- Four-storey condo homes in Surrey
- By Woodbridge Capital Ltd. and Pennyfarthing Development Corp.
- On sale now
- Catering to first-home buyers
- One-bed from $149,900 (including net-HST), 2-bed from 234,900
- Presentation Centre open noon to 5 p.m. except Fridays
- 13468 Gateway Drive, Surrey
- Slated for completion in late 2011
- Website at thebrookland.com

▶ The Brookland is as affordable as condos get.

▶ Putting on white linens and adding accent pillows and bright colours to your bedroom is a great way to brighten your space for summer.

Answer the call of the wild

Sampling a taste of the outdoors has never been closer to home — at least when it comes to decking out your space.

Whether it's birds, butterflies, driftwood or decorative sea-life accents inspired by coastal living, HomeSense spokeswoman Colleen Uncao says a key decor trend this season is the influence of natural elements.

"It could be in any different way through decorative pillows, whether it's a design on a pillow with birds or florals, but a lot of it is bringing in that nature from the outdoors in," she says.

But there are more ways to make a splash beyond heeding the call of the wild. Globally inspired chic from decorative jars to colourfully patterned rugs and plates can serve as focal points in your space.

"You don't have to worry about being too matchy-matchy," says Uncao. "As long as you have a really great piece that has an interesting shape, an interesting colour, then it works in your room."

For a quick summer refresh, a bright throw on a side chair or couch is an easy way to update a room's look, Uncao says. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Mounting your TV the safe way to go

TECHNOLOGY Nothing looks more impressive than a huge flat-screen TV mounted on the wall of your living room. Mounting your TV not only looks great, but did you know it's also safer than setting in on a piece of furniture?

To avoid accidental tipping and bumping, experts advise placing your TV securely on the wall and out of reach of little hands.

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▶ It's important to weigh the pros and cons of both buying a new home or renovation before you make a decision.

Move out, or move up?

Homeowners often ask: Should I sell or renovate? When a home no longer meets your needs or you simply fall out of love with it, you may be looking for a change. But deciding what kind of change, renovating or moving altogether, is a big decision.

"There are many mortgage and line of credit options to help make moving or renovating easier," says Farhaneh Haque, Regional Sales Manager, Mobile Mortgage Specialists, TD Canada Trust. "Speak with your local mortgage expert who can help you make an informed decision based on your life stage."

Move to a new home pros

- Offers a fresh start;
- Allows you to address bigger issues.

Move to a new home cons

- Additional costs such as real estate fees, legal fees, land transfer tax and moving expenses;
- Green shag carpet may not be your taste.

Renovation pros

- Lets you keep what you like and change what you don't;
- Keeps your family from being uprooted.

Renovation cons

- Disruptive;
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DECORATING FOR THE KIDS

Décor Moments

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A child's room is their haven; whether as a place to hang out with friends, chat online, watch TV or listen to music. I have helped many families decorate nurseries, children and teens' rooms, and I have learned a few things directly from the kids about decorating:

1 Girls don't always want pink walls; boys don't always want blue walls. As an alternative, try using complementary paint colours; paint a boy's room bright orange (hey, if its good enough for the guys at Home Depot…). Orange complements deep blues, greens and browns beautifully. Paint a girl's room deep charcoal grey — which looks fashionably fabulous — with accents of bright pinks, purples and lime greens. If you are a bit weary of painting their entire room a bold colour, just add it to the inside of their closet or all the doors of their room for impact and fun.

2 A newborn's nursery is not to be decorated for the baby, but for the caregiver. Face it, your baby will never remember the Pooh bear border. Consider a 5x7 Persian-style rug, a hanging chandelier, dark wood book cases or an antique dresser; things you might already have will help keep the budget low for the first few years. All your baby wants is a comfy crib, a hanging mobile and some soft lighting.

3 Kids have personalities. Kids are creative. Kids want to have input. Now the fun starts; buy a second hand dresser and paint it their favourite colour of high-gloss paint, slipcover an old chair in flannel cowboy and indian pajama material or add a crinoline tutu to a tired lampshade to give it a unique look.

4 Get your child involved in the decorating process; which colour of towels, bed sheets, lampshade would they like? Get them to hand-paint an old cardboard lampshade and use it in their room or fill a large bulletin board with their favourite images. The more of a say then the more proud they will be of their own room. Giving your kid a voice in decorating helps to promote creativity and gives them a sense of pride but I must warn you: It rarely helps in keeping the room tidy!

Grilled Chicken Sandwich

▶ A tasty grilled chicken sandwich

Ingredients :

- 1/4 cup sweet and mild condiment plus 2 tbsp sweet and mild condiment, plus extra for dipping
- 2 tbsp cider vinegar
- 2 tbsp honey
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp cold water
- 3 boneless, skinless chicken breast
- 1 celery stalk
- 1/4 cup red onion
- 1/4 cup red bell pepper
- 1 green apple
- 1 tbsp fresh parsley
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 8 slices multi-grain bread
- Butter, softened
- 4 crisp leaves lettuce
- 4 slices ripe tomato
- 8 slices crispy fried bacon, kept warm
- 4 slices dill pickle

Preparation:

1. In a small bowl, whisk together 1/4 cup of the sweet and mild condiment, cider vinegar, honey, olive oil and water. Set aside. Season chicken breasts with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Set aside.
2. Preheat grill to medium high. Grill chicken breasts for 6 to 8 minutes per side until fully cooked, basting with condiment and honey mixture. Remove from grill and allow chicken breasts to fully cool before slicing thinly.
3. Combine sliced chicken, celery, red onion, red pepper, green apple, parsley, 2 tbsp of the condiment, mayonnaise, lemon juice and salt and pepper. Mix well.
4. Lightly butter one side of each slice of bread, then place a leaf of lettuce on buttered bread. Top with a quarter of the grilled chicken salad mixture, then add a slice of fresh tomato, 2 slices of crispy pan-fried bacon and top with a slice of bread. Repeat for remaining sandwiches. Garnish with a slice of dill pickle and serve with extra condiment for dipping.

Hamilton Street Grill's burger deserves its title

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▶ The hamburger voted "Yaletown's Best Burger" at the Hamilton Street Grill.

It's a simple concept, but a truly great hamburger is hard to find. Luckily I found one at the Hamilton Street Grill in Yaletown.

The restaurant won the inaugural "Yaletown's Best Burger" competition this past Canada Day. After tasting it I can see why the panel of judges chose this one. Seven ounces of beef with blue cheese butter in the middle of the patty topped with portmarinated mushrooms, white cheddar and truffle mayonnaise ($14).

I'm usually wary of burgers that troll the line between delicious and pretentious but this one falls squarely into the "delicious" category.

When it comes to fries, I like them mealy on the inside. These were crispy all the way through, but if you like that, more power to you.Most seats also have a great view of TVs that will undoubtedly show the last two World Cup matches this weekend. Make sure you go order up the hamburger special and set your mouths to "water."

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Sports in brief

Canucks to honour Naslund

HOCKEY. The Vancouver Canucks will retire former captain Markus Naslund's jersey as part of the NHL team's 40th anniversary this season.

The team announced at the Canucks' Summer Summit yesterday that Naslund's No. 19 will be raised on Dec. 11. His number will join those of Canucks legends Trevor Linden and Stan Smyl atop the newly named Rogers Arena.

Naslund, a native of Ornskoldsvik, Sweden, played 11 seasons with the Canucks. He recorded 346 goals and 756 points with the club.

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LeBron takes to airwaves

NBA. On a prime-time made-for-TV special, LeBron James will announce tonight (TSN, 6 p.m. PT) where he'll play next season and beyond. Fans from coast to coast will tune in to watch, with the ones in his home state of Ohio praying they won't have their hearts broken again.

James offered no hints about his plans on his final, full day of free agency.

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Spain heads to Cup final

- Puyol's header secures first-ever World Cup final berth for Spain
- Date with the Netherlands set for Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

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▶ Spain's Carles Puyol, front, scores with a header yesterday.

Carles Puyol soared high to head in the goal that sent Spain into the World Cup final for the first time with a 1-0 win over Germany yesterday.

In a rematch of the 2008 European Championship final that Spain won by the same score, Puyol leaped in the centre of the area in the 73rd minute to score from Xavi Hernandez's corner kick, finally giving Spain the lead after having dominated from the opening whistle.

"The group deserves this but we want more," said Spain striker David Villa, who is tied with Netherlands playmaker Wesley Sneijder for the tournament scoring lead with five goals each.

"We are happy to be in the final, that was our objective, but now we want to be champions."

Spain's best previous World Cup finish was fourth in 1950, when the final round consisted of a four-team group.

In Sunday's final at Soccer City, Spain will meet the Netherlands, which has also never won soccer's biggest trophy.

Spain controlled throughout with its precision passing game, playing just the way it hoped to, but had trouble finishing until Puyol's late strike.

At the final whistle, Puyol raised his arms in triumph as goalkeeper Iker Casillas jumped on the centre back's shoulders.

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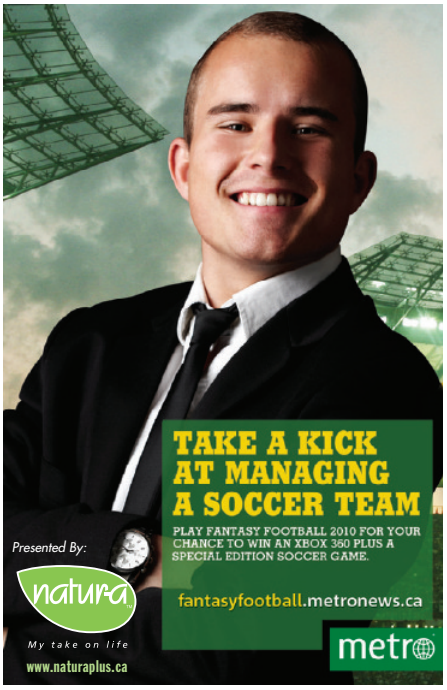

Bosh chooses Heat

Chris Bosh is leaving Toronto for Miami, saying it's not about the money, but about winning.

Ending months of speculation, the former Raptors forward announced yesterday that he will sign with the Miami Heat, joining his good friend Dwyane Wade.

Both Wade and Bosh were part of this year's blockbuster free agent class that also includes LeBron James, who will announce his intentions on ESPN tonight.

It had long been expected that Bosh would not return to Toronto, but yesterday's announcement provided the confirmation.

In an interview with ESPN, Bosh said he wanted to land with a team that would compete for an NBA championship.

Chris Bosh

In his seven years with Toronto, Bosh has only played in 11 playoff games.

"I think both Dwyane and I, we both wanted an opportunity where right away we would be competing," Bosh said.

"We're ready to sacrifice a lot of things in order to do that. It's not about the money. It's not about anything else except for winning. I'm a winner. Dwyane's a winner. We're going to bring winning to Miami."

Bosh, 26, said leaving Toronto wasn't an easy decision.

"I've been there for seven years, it's pretty much my second home," Bosh said.

"To leave that has been difficult, even throughout this whole process."

Still, Bosh seemed to be having fun as teams attempted to woo him, frequently posting his thoughts on Twitter.

"It's been an exciting time," he told ESPN.

"It's been one of the biggest stories in sports. Just to be a part of that I felt that I had to enjoy it instead of maybe just trying to run away from everything. Instead of doing that, I embraced it."

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No comment

While the Raptors have said they were preparing for life after Chris Bosh, nobody from the team was saying much about Bosh's announcement yesterday

- "I have nothing official from anyone," Raptors general manager Bryan Colangelo said in a text message to the AP.
- A Raptors official said there would be no further comment from the team during the official signing moratorium, which ends today.

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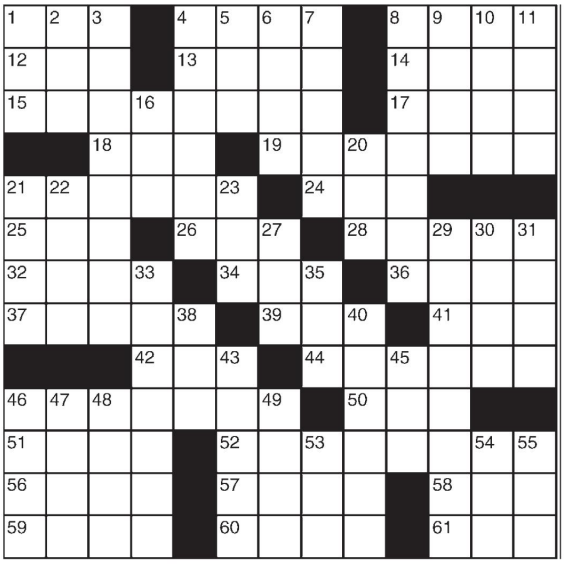

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38 Not bright
40 Shock
43 Turkish bigwig of yore
45 Mainlander's memento
46 Sit for a photo
47 Mimic
48 "West Side Story" gang
49 Attempt
53 Actress Sara
54 General Arnold of WWII
55 Belly, slangily

▶ Yesterday's answer

C	A	B		E	B	B	S		S	N	I	P		
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Sudoku

7							1	8
5	3		6		1			7
2				5				
	5				2			
1		3				7		5
			9				4	
				8				3
9			7		6		5	2
3	4							1

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

6	8	1	3	4	9	2	7	5
4	2	9	7	5	8	6	1	3
5	7	3	1	6	2	8	9	4
8	1	5	9	3	6	4	2	7
7	4	6	2	8	1	5	3	9
9	3	2	4	7	5	1	8	6
1	9	4	6	2	3	7	5	8
2	5	7	8	9	4	3	6	1

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IVA

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ADCD

Oh, hello there Justine! I love you more than I can say, and I hope you know that.
PATTYCAKES

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ANDREITA;)

KY your my everything, I love you with all of my heart.
MIKE

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You will be on top form today. However you must be careful not to come across as too domineering. Be the best but don't be arrogant about it.

♉ Taurus April 23-May 21 Today some of your insights might owe more to wishful thinking than to genuine intuition. Be smart: get a second opinion before you act on your ideas.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You may need to give up a certain amount of your independence and let friends and colleagues guide you in the right direction, but if you do you will accomplish great things over the next 24 hours, and the next few days.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Everything seems to be coming easy to you now and most of what you desire is yours for the asking. Will there be a price to pay for all this good fortune? Maybe, but it's a price you are more than willing to pay.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 If you experience an energy shortfall today you must take the hint and not push yourself too hard. You may be a livewire Leo but you have limits like everyone else.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Anyone who tries to uncover what you want to remain hidden will be told in no uncertain terms to mind their own business. Your blunt attitude may not win too many friends.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Something you desire will be offered to you on a plate today and, of course, that will immediately get you wondering what strings are attached. Nothing comes for free.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Your confidence is high, but take care you don't go too far and start believing that nothing can go wrong for you. Too much confidence is rarely a good thing.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 This is not the kind of day when you can sit back and let good things come to you. You need to have a clearly defined goal and you need to make an effort. The question is: can you be bothered?

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Your no-nonsense approach will cut through all the emotional garbage that others are trying to lay on you. You don't care about feelings, you care about facts.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 There is something you really want, something you desire more than anything else, but up until now you have been unable to get it. That could change soon.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Isn't it about time that you relaxed and started to feel more positive about yourself? Good things are coming your way and they could even be great things around Sunday.
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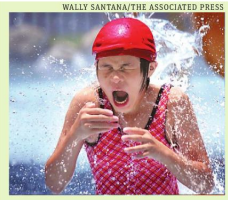

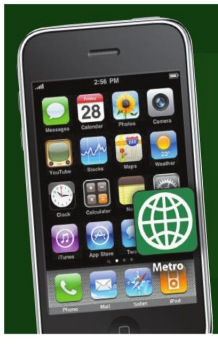

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